HOUSE RESOLUTION 278 By Brooks (Shelby)

A RESOLUTION to commend Tomeka Lasha Warren for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Tomeka Lasha Warren is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for State Representative Henri E. Brooks; Ms. Warren's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born in the great city of Memphis on November 10, 1980, to Steve and Gaynell Warren, Tomeka Warren is the youngest of four daughters; her sisters, Pamela Maxwell, Chantell Maxwell, and Yvette Maxwell, offer their generous support and are extremely proud of her impressive academic accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Warren was educated in the Memphis City School District, and graduated in 1999 in the top twenty percent of her class at Wooddale High School, where she participated in JROTC for four years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Warren chose to continue her education at Southwest Tennessee Community College, where she was highly regarded by her peers, and in May of 2002, she received her Associate of Science degree in Pre-Law; and

WHEREAS, she is currently attending the University of Memphis with a dual major of Criminal Justice and Political Science, and she expects to graduate in May of 2007; Tomeka Warren plans to practice law as a criminal and corporate attorney, and to own a hotel franchise; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee State government and to further her studies, Tomeka Lasha Warren brought her

many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2006 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, her many legislative duties aside, Ms. Warren has been active in many important organizations at the University of Memphis, including participating as a member of the Black Scholars Unlimited Society; Outstanding Student Honor Society; Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA); Democracy For America (DFA); and the Memphis Chapter of the Memphis Living Wage; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Warren is a devout and active member of Orleans Road Church of Christ in Memphis, which she has served faithfully for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2006 legislative session, Tomeka Warren has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Warren has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Tomeka Lasha Warren for outstanding service as a legislative intern for State Representative Henri E. Brooks and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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